UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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MARIAN LUDKIEWICZ,) PERIOT OF MA
Plaintiff))
V.	Civil Action No. 04-30039-MAP
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA)))
Defendant)

DEFENDANT UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA'S ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Defendant Unum Life Insurance Company of America ("Unum") hereby moves for an extension of the time in which it must serve a responsive pleading to the Complaint of Plaintiff up to and including March 21, 2004. Unum's answer is presently due to be served on Monday, March 1, 2004. Plaintiff assents to the present motion.

In support hereof, Unum has informed Plaintiff's counsel that it contends that the claims alleged in Plaintiff's complaint are preempted by ERISA. Counsel for Plaintiff is reviewing this issue and has indicted that he will amend the complaint to plead all claims under ERISA, if he agrees with Unum's position. Therefore, this extension of time is necessary so the parties can resolve the issue of preemption and to allow Plaintiff time to amend his complaint, if necessary. No prior extensions have been sought or granted. Plaintiff will suffer no prejudice if this brief extension is permitted.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Unum respectfully requests that it be granted an enlargement of time to and including March 21, 2004, in which to serve its responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.

DATED: February 26, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the enclosed pleading was served upon counsel for Plaintiff, via overnight mail, addressed as follows:

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DATED: 2/26/04

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